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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY INDICATE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO INDEED HAS VERY GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED VISIT BY U.S. TRADE POLICY TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR YEUTTER. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT WITH MINISTRY IS COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT WITH MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE (WHICH HAD EARLIER INDICATED LESS INTEREST) AND WITH SIECA AND GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER
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CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PLAN,

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY FACIO, IS TO SEND LETTERS TO SIECA AND TO FOREIGN MINISTERS OF OTHER CACM COUNTRIES, WITH COPIES TO LOCAL AMBASSADORS OF CACM COUNTRIES, INVITING THEM TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONSULTATIONS IN SAN JOSE. (IDEA OF INVITING OTHER COUNTRIES ALREADY APPROVED BY FACIO AND ONLY FORM OF INVITATIONS REMAINS TO BE APPROVED). IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE INVITATIONS WILL GO OUT THIS WEEK.

2. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT WE HAVE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM SIECA, AND GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR SO FAR.

3. IN VIEW OF LIMITED DURATION OF VISIT TO SAN JOSE, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO USE AVAILABLE TIME FOR GROUP SESSION WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT YET KNOW GOCR PREFERENCE ON THIS QUESTION. SEPARATE BILATNAL SESSIONS WOULD REQUIRE 3 HOURS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR 1/2 HOURS WITH EACH COUNTRY AND WITH SIECA. IF MEETINGS WERE TO BEGIN AFTER LUNCH AT 2:30, ONLY 3 TO 3-1/2 HOURS IN TOTAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE, BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS ABOUT 1/2 HOUR DRIVING TIME FROM DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S PREFERENCES ON USE OF AVAILABLE TIME AS EMBASSY WILL BE WORKING UP TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16.
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